## **Diaries**

## **Marriage**

Married January 27, 1940 in Okla. City Sat. 5:45 P.M. Stayed at the Skirvin Hotel until Mon. and then took the bus to Guthr/ ie. We went riding with Mildred & Walter Chessmore about the first night we were in our apt. Bernice Martin, Doris Gray, Mrs. Harned? and I played bridge a lot in the afternoons. We saw Martins more than anyone. Pansy and Kenneth Dringderff? are nice too.

Transferred to Wetumka July 15. Found an apt. with Rice's but are looking for a house. Rent \$20.00 a month and pay the bills.

July 20-21 - We went to Shawnee to see Bernice & Ben. Sat. night we went out and had some beer. Ben and Elmer went out alone after they brought us home. We stayed all night & came back Sun. night.

July 23. Elmer started being on duty out at camp.

July 28. Sat. night we rode to Okmulgee. We stopped at the Blue Moon & had a bottle of beer and a sandwich.

Aug. 3 - We drove to Shawnee & had some beer on the way. Bernice & Ben weren't home. We were going to dance at the Dreamland but it was too crowded.

Aug. 4 (Sunday) Bennetts came over in the evening & we went to the show in Holdenville with them. We had hamburgers afterwards.

Aug. 5 - Crafts came over and we went for a ride with them to Weleetka where we stopped and had a coke. On the way home we stopped to look at an oil well.

Aug. 6 - I played bridge in the afternoon at Margaret Collin's. There were two tables. Someone had let all the air out of the tires the night before. We went to the show here in the evening.

Aug. 7 - We stayed home and read.

Aug. 8 - We went for a short ride.

Aug. 9 - Crafts came over with a great big watermelon. We ate that and then played bridge. I got my driver's license.

Aug. 10 (Sat.) We went out and drank beer and danced at the Dreamland. We spent 2 dollars and 90 cents but had a good time. (Elmer cut his toenails)

Aug. 11 (Sun.) We stayed home all day and just read but in the evening e went to the show in Weleetka.

Aug. 12 (Mon.) We stayed home all evening and went to bed early.

Aug. 13 (Tues.) I went over to see Mrs. Craft in the afternoon. Elmer went to a meeting in the evening so I went over to Craft's. We rode to Weleetka & had a coke.

Aug. 14 (Wed.) I played bridge in the afternoon at Bennett's.

Sat. 17 - We went to Holdenville with Bennetts and window-shopped and then played bridge over at their house.

Sun. 18. In the evening we went to the show in Wewoka with Bennetts.

Wed. 21 - I went to Oklahoma City with Oluta? Bennett, June Wennrick & Olive O'Donnell. We spent the day. Elmer & I went to Weleetka that night for hamburgers.

Sat. 24 - We went to a poker party at Dr. Shaw's. I lost a dollar.

Sun. 25 - We went over to Bennett's for awhile in the afternoon but stayed home the rest of the time.

Oct. 28 (Monday Night) Elmer is reading Mortal Storm. We heard about being sent to Louisiana a month ago Friday.

Nov. 1. Elmer received a letter about a job in Minneapolis for the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Nov. 12. We went to Holdenville and Elmer had his physical exam and fingerprints taken. It was 13 above in Oklahoma City today.

Dec. 21 - Arrived in Minneapolis about 8:30 P.M.

Jan. 14 - We went over to Bettie Chance's. Andy was studying for a Civil Service exam so the thr/ee of us went down to the Candy Bar. I was in Bingo.

Helen Carlson Diaries Jan. 27 - 1st Wedding Ann. - Elmer in Wisconsin. Feb. 12th We left Mpls. for Laurel, Md. Lee Woodruff drove the station wagon and we followed in our car. Feb. 16. Arrived in Laurel. Stayed in Buler's Tourist Home two nights. Rent & everything terribly high. May 18 - Went down to Aunt Jeanette's place at the bay. Had a nice time. May 22, Thurs. Left for Atlanta, Georgia. Weather hot all the way down. May 23, Fri. Arrived Atlanta. May 29, 1941 - Left for Holly Hill. Stayed in Manning S.C. one night and all day Memorial Day and then to Holly Hill. Have room in home with people named Bonnetts?. Florence married Art Hecklin today. 1942 Tues. Jan. 21 Selma's in morn. Met Betty C. & went downtown. Home alone in eve. Wed. Selma's all day. Carlson's for dinner & evening. Florence stayed all night. Thurs. Downtown with Florence. Eden's for dinner. Went up north to Bernice & Dan's. Fri. Selma's for lunch. Carlson's in afternoon. Betty Martin in the evening. Sat. Saw Peach in the afternoon. Dinner at her house. Candy Bar in evening. Sun. Haemig's for dinner. Carlson's for supper.

## Trip to Alexandria, Virginia 1977

Oct 14. Arrived National Airport & met Jimmy. His plane was late coming in from L.A.

Oct 15. Vicki went to work. I toured the area here. We stayed in Friday night. Elmer and Vicki had a good discussion.

Oct 16. We drove into Wash. D.C. and went to the Smithsonian and saw the new airshow and I touched a rock that came

Oct 17. It rained all day so we stayed in. Elmer watched the football games and then we played bridge.

Oct 18. Jimmy and Vicki went to work. Elmer and I were just lazy and I pinned my hair up. We walked around later. Jim & Vicki are playing tennis now. The weather is beautiful but is turning cold. Jimmy showed slides in the evening of their trip to Greece.

Oct 19. Vicki came home from work at 12:30. We went to Bloomingdale's for lunch. We played bridge in the evening. The maids came late in the afternoon. Vicki and I looked at the model condos while Elmer read his book. Mary called. The baby talked also.

## Trip to Baltimore, 1988

May 13, Fri - left sea-tac at 11:30 a.m. - Continental, changed in Denver. Arrived at Baltimore airport 9:30 P.M. Met by Jimmy. Jimmy worked only 1/2 each day.

May 14 - Sat. relaxed. Pasta for dinner.

May 15 - Sun. A long beautiful drive in the country. Rolling hills & estates. A beautiful old curving road among the trees. Artichoke soup and also chicken for dinner.

16th - Monday - Lancaster, Pa. We toured the mansion of James Buchanan, the 15th Pres. Dinner near where Jimmy works. Delicious. Home at 9 P.M.

May 17th - Tues. Rain. We went to the Walter's Art Gallery. Newly re-opened for the finished remodeling job.

Wed. May 18th Rain. Mechanic Theatre, "A Raisin in the Sun" matinee. Dinner at a Chinese restaurant.

Thurs. May 19th Inner Harbor. Cocktails at Stouffer's Hotel. Looked at the shops on the thr/ee floors of the beautiful building.

Friday. May 20th Wash. D.C. Visited the National Museum of African Art, Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, S. Dillon Ripley Center, Enid A. Haupt Gardens, Smithsonian. Vickie went to Wash. D.C. in the morning to attend a lecture. We drove in

when Jimmy came home at noon. Rode the subway from Crystal City to the Smithsonian. Met Vickie at 5 o'clock. Dinner in Old Town at the Fish Market. Ice cream afterwards down the street.

Sat. May 21st. Walked down to the seafood market. Watched a video in the afternoon and the Preakness and ate popcorn.

Pasta and catfish for dinner.

Sun. May 22nd. Last day. Beautiful day. A long ride to Pretty Boy Dam. Video tape & popcorn when we returned. Lamb chops & Greek salad for dinner. Ice cream with butterscotch sauce.

Mon. May 23rd, 1988 Jimmy took us to the airport at 7:30 A.M. Plane took off for Denver at 9:30 A.M. Denver to Seattle arriving 2:30 P.M. We took a cab to Mary's and got our car and came home. The flights were just perfect. Mary's birthday today.